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A BIG SHANGHAI FIRE.  
Messrs. Hall and Holt's Premises Gated.

As telegraphed to us at the time by our Shanghai correspondent, Messrs. Hall and Holt's large furniture factory, bakery and store at the corner of Yuenningyuen and Soochow roads was completely destroyed by fire in the early hours of the 17th inst. Reaching its greatest force in about an hour, the fire was magnificent as a spectacle, says the "N. C. Daily News," and it was also a grave danger to all buildings within a fairly wide zone, a great conflagration being narrowly prevented, and only after most strenuous work by the combined Brigades of the Settlement and the French Concession.

All efforts to save the Hall and Holt's godown had to be practically abandoned, and the work of the fire brigade concentrated upon saving the adjoining premises, the Lyceum Theatre, Union Church Hall, and Mearns' newsroom's godown being in grave danger, the latter especially so, since the wind was blowing strongly in that direction.

Whilst all available streams of water were being played upon this side of the building the flames continued to make progress, gripping the wood w frames and the eaves of the roof, which being of galvanized iron lined with felt over a wooden frame, offered none too much resistance. Parts of the roof, which had taken fire, were torn away, and eventually the the third invasion was staved off. Excellent work was done by the brigades in this quarter. Had the flames gained the fall and roof, the complete destruction of the building could scarcely have been prevented since it is stored with silk, various liquors, and a considerable quantity of valuable cargo. This building is insured for £10,000, and its contents for £1,000.

It was not until 7 o'clock that the fire was checked, to avoid all danger of spreading, being at this time confined to the building in which it originated. It burned for some time afterwards, and when eventually the brigade retired and left the building, nothing remained of the building except the four walls, the whole of the interior and its contents having been reduced to cinders.

The loss is estimated at over £10,000.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES'  
NEW STEAMER.

The Messageries Maritimes have issued details of their new sail steamer Andre Lebon, a sister ship to the Paul Chenot, which has also been built for their China and Japan service. She was successfully launched at the company's yard, a Ciota, on October 27 last. She is a twin screw, 11,000 h.p. steel built steamer, measuring 485 feet with a beam of 56 feet, and a displacement of 18,000 tons. Her twelve boilers, forced draught, are of the Howden system. She will accommodate 218 first class passengers, 180 second-class and 146 third-class, in all 544, who number shows that she is over a third more passengers is attained in this 18,000-ton ship. Life and a great variety of electrical apparatus will show a great improvement in the attendance of the crew and in the general comfort. Special care has been taken also to ensure the most thorough ventilation, a large number of ventilators and special machinery having been devised for this object, so as to make for the comfort of passengers and crew.

DRAMATIST'S DAUGHTER.

Secret Wedding to Peer's Son.

Ottawa, Jan. 30.

The Hon. Angus McDonnell, second son of the Earl of Arran, who is at present a great of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught here, has married at Etobicoke, Ontario, on Dec. 13 last, to Miss Edith Sybil Anne Jones, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, a member of the Canadian Parliament.

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8 A.M. 'HONAM.' 8 A.M. 'BEUNGSHAN.'  
10 P.M. 'KINSHAN.'

A Telephone Service has been recently installed on the Company's Steamers Day Steamers Call No. 776, Night Steamers Call No. 777.

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MACAO TO HONGKONG. Week days at 7.30 A.M. and 2 P.M. Sundays, at 7.30 A.M. and 2 P.M.

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

SUNDAY, 1st MARCH.

The Company's New Steamer "TAISHAN," will depart from the COMPANY'S WING LOK STREET WHARF at 9 A.M. and return from Macao at 4 P.M.

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Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the Company.

CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. 'WU-AN' Departures from Macao to Canton on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 9 P.M. Departures from Canton to Macao on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 4.30 P.M.

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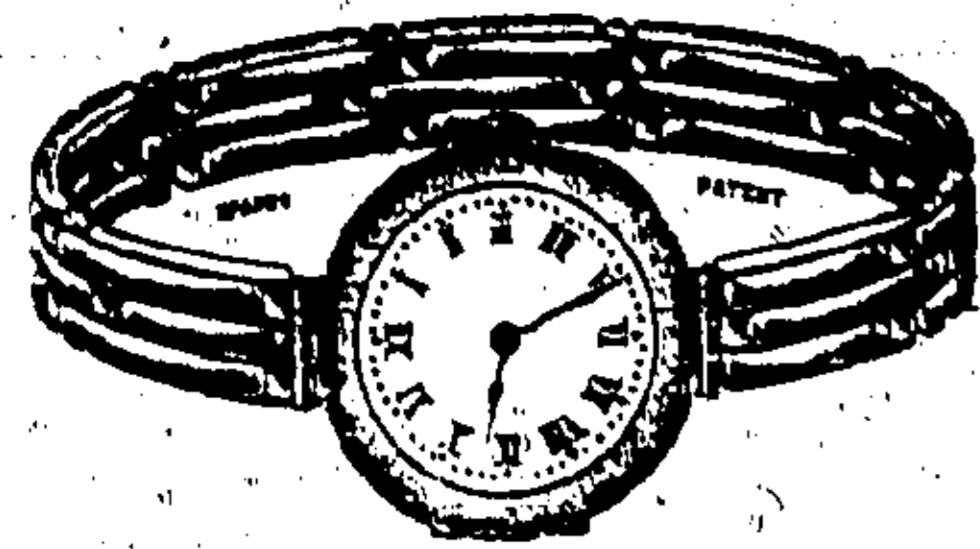
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8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.	Every 15 minutes
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.	Every 15 minutes
11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.	Every 15 minutes
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m.	Every 15 minutes
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m.	Every 15 minutes
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.	Every 15 minutes
2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes
3.00 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.	Every 15 minutes
4.15 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.	Every 15 minutes
5.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.	Every 15 minutes
6.15 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes
7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes
8.00 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.	Every half hour
1.00 p.m. to 11.45 p.m.	every quarter of an hour.

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THE KOWLOON LAND AND  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
the TWENTY FIFTH ORDINARY  
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS  
of the Company will be held at  
the OFFICES VICTORIA BUILDINGS on  
THURSDAY, 20th February, 1914 at  
Noon, for the purpose of receiving the  
REPORT of the DIRECTORS together  
with STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS for the  
year ending 31st December, 1913.

THE REGISTER of SHARES of the  
Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY  
17th to THURSDAY 20th February, 1914  
(both days inclusive), during which period no  
TRANSFER of SHARES can be  
registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
A. SHELTON HOOVER,  
Secretary to the Hongkong Land  
Investment and Agency Company  
14th Feb. for the Kowloon  
Land and Building Co. Ltd.

Hongkong, Feb. 9, 1914. 176

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN &  
MORTGAGE COMPANY LIMITED.

THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY  
ANNUAL MEETING of SHARE-  
HOLDERS will be held at  
the Offices of the Company, St. George's  
Building, No. 6 Connaught Road, on  
FRIDAY, the 27th February, 1914 at  
11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving  
a Statement of Accounts and the Report  
of the General Managers for the year  
ending 31st December, 1913.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the  
Company will be CLOSED from 23rd  
February to 5th March inclusive.

W. S. BROWN,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, Feb. 16, 1914. 218

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH OR-  
DINARY ANNUAL MEETING of  
SHAREHOLDERS will be held at  
the Offices of Messrs JAPAN MACHINERY  
& CO., LTD., on THURSDAY, the 6th  
March, 1914, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of  
receiving the Report of the Directors  
and the Statement of Accounts for the  
year ending 31st December, 1913.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the  
Company will be CLOSED from 23rd  
February to 5th March inclusive.

W. S. BROWN,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, Feb. 16, 1914. 218

## DAIRY FARM NEWS.

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Hongkong, Dec. 2, 1913. 1484

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Subscribed Capital £24,500,000.

Paid-up Capital £23,437,500.

Fire Funds £3,886,114.

Life & Annuity Funds £16,158,180.

Striking Fund Account £5,673.

Excess £561,288.

Revenue Fire Branch £8,567,188.

"Life and Annuity" Branches £1,973,909.

Revenue Marine Department £262,628.

Other Receipts £430,128.

Excess £3,315.

The Accumulative Funds of the various  
Branches are separately invested, but  
by Act of Parliament, are set aside to meet  
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Hongkong, Feb. 24, 1914. 259

## NOTICE.

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ultimately an Oxford and Cambridge  
Society, embracing Canton and the Coast  
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It is earnestly requested that all mem-  
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will send in their names whether they have  
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or not.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Major Barrett, to sell by Public Auction,

THURSDAY,  
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Comprising:-

A few pieces of good Blackwood Furniture, large Upholstered Arm-chairs, Teakwood Wardrobes, Linen Press, Toilet Table practically new, large Brass mounted Bedstead, Hair Mattress, Bath Room Requisites, etc., etc.

AND ONE ELECTRIC FAN.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue.)

On view day of sale.

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HUGHES &amp; HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Feb. 21, 1914. 244

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

FRIDAY,

the 27th February, 1914, commencing at  
2.30 p.m. at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,  
Des Vaux Road, Corner of  
Ice House Street,—A QUANTITY OF  
TEAKWOOD AND VALUABLE  
BLACKWOOD FURNITURE,  
&c., &c.,

Comprising as follows:-

TEAKWOOD—Dining and Room Furniture, Upholstered Arm-chairs and Sofas, Carpets and Rugs (new), Brass-mounted Bedsteads, Bed Room Suite, Bureaux, Wardrobes, Washstands, etc., Sideboards, Dinner Wagons, Extension Dining Tables and Chairs, etc., etc., Dinner and Dessert Services, Crockery, Sundry Glass Ware, Cooking Stoves, Kitchen Utensils, Cutlery, &c., Brass Fenders and Fire Brasses,  
Also

1 Piano by Robinson Piano Co., Inlaid Blackwood Tops, Blackwood Card Tables, Cabinets, Overmantels, Side Tables, Desks, a variety of Stands, etc., etc., and a several pieces of Chinese Porcelain.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue.)

TERMS.—As usual.

HUGHES &amp; HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Feb. 21, 1914. 245

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

TUESDAY,

the 3rd March, 1914, commencing at  
2.30 p.m. at their SALE ROOMS,  
No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner  
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VALUABLE TEAKWOOD  
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Also

1 half plate Camera complete, with rapid Bedlinen and 1 Spare Lamp, and 1 Photograph in order, 1 Saddle st. complete, 2 Old Chinese Blackwood Wardrobes, Silk embroidered Pictures, Electric Head Lamp, etc., 1 Mobile Clock, Bronze Figures, 1 Typewriter (Hammond), 1 Piano by H. Schmid, Hamburg, Clavier Safe, and Gent's "Boysie," Upright Grand Piano in good condition.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS.—As usual.

HUGHES &amp; HOUGH,

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Hongkong, Feb. 21, 1914. 246

## AUCTION

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction  
(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),  
on

FRIDAY,

the 27th February, 1914, at 11 a.m., at  
No. 4, Great George Street, East Point.SUNDAY  
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD  
FURNITURE,  
therein contained.

Consisting of:-

Massive Teak Sideboard (Bevelled Mirror), Teak Dinner Wagon and Chair, Teak Overmantel, Large Double Wardrobe with Bevelled Mirrors, Hall Stand, Double Bedsteads, a quantity of Rattan Chairs and Tables, Shanghai Baths, etc., etc., etc.

Also

6 Pieces Canton Matting.

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Hongkong, February 20, 1914. 229

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction  
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on

SATURDAY,

the 28th February, 1914, at 10.30 a.m., at  
No. 4, Morrison Hill.SUNDAY  
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD  
FURNITURE,  
therein contained.

Consisting of:-

Teak Hall Stand, Crepe covered Sea Grass Chairs, Indian Rugs, Teak Sideboard and Extension Dining Table and Chairs, Porcelain Dinner and Breakfast Services, etc., Single Iron Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Marble-top Washstands and Chest-of-Drawers, Shanghai Baths, etc., etc., etc.

Also

One Complete Wireless Installation  
for Fieldwork.

On view from the 27th inst.

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TERMS.—As usual.

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Hongkong, Feb. 20, 1914. 233

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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WEDNESDAY &amp; THURSDAY,

the 4th and 5th March, 1914, at 10 a.m.,  
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Compressor, Remington Typewriter, Canvas  
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## CHINA'S FINANCES.

## DIFFICULT SITUATION.

New Loan of £225,000,000.

Peking, Jan. 30.  
China's New Year, that important date in national economies, passed nominally in such a manner as to excite official optimism, but, after careful investigations conducted far and wide, I reach the following conclusions, says the Peking correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph."

Whilst undoubtedly in native commercial circles a better feeling exists, borrowed money is coming out more freely, and the trading year is likely to be better than 1913, little or no progress is observable in the fundamental relationship between Peking and the provinces, or in the fundamental national well-being.

Remittances, though nominally resumed from eleven provinces, aggregating nearly six million dollars in January, cannot be maintained unless the provincial finances themselves receive outside aid. This is precisely what the provinces wish, namely, to remit to Peking and then insist that they themselves must be allowed to borrow. Foreign agents representing financial combinations of no higher than the third or fourth order now swarm throughout the country, offering loans at many provincial capitals, and in the now notorious Nanking case, when a so-called financier was asked to deposit £5,000 in hard cash on signature of the loan agreement, he was unable to do so, and the negotiations collapsed.

BUCKET-SHOP AGENTS.

This new phase, therefore, radically alters the attitude which it is necessary to adopt in dealing with Peking's finance.

If China is to be placed in the same position as Turkey and overrun by bucket-shop agents, certainly the hour has rung when all sound money advocates must take alarm, for despite the provincial remittances, all my Chinese correspondents insist that the day before China's New Year nearly witnessed serious outbreaks in Peking owing to the non-payment of troops. At the last moment eight lakhs of taels, say £100,000, were borrowed from the quintuple bankers, from whom a new giant loan must soon be negotiated if the currency and general reorganisation are to be undertaken. A loan of £15,000,000 is now openly spoken of as absolutely necessary before the summer.

The seriousness of these constant Chinese demands on the world's money markets is too obvious to need any insistence.

Furthermore, though it is denied that the foreign bankers have already demanded control of the National Bank of China,

obviously some supervision is inevitable if these huge sums are paid.

Whether the oldest British bank in China, namely, the Chartered Bank of India, as well as the other British bank domiciled here, are to be excluded from the official banking group, becomes a serious matter for China. The silver exchange must very shortly be largely regulated from Peking.

Altogether, then, the financial situation demands the most careful reconsideration.

No steps should to-day be omitted by the British Government to retain control over the elements which are soon to become dominant, influencing the whole political future of this country.

Peking, Jan. 30 (Later).

A special notification issued to-night to the foreign correspondents by the Premier, Hsing-Hai-Ling, recapitulates the conditions under which foreign loans are made, specially emphasising that Chinese officials guilty of accepting secret commissions will be most severely punished.

This forecasts immediate negotiations for a new £25,000,000 quintuplo loan, also several so-called industrial loans.

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political party composed of his opponents and expelled all its members from both houses of the Legislature. This stroke was practically the death-blow of the Parliament, and its recent dissolution is little more than a formality. It is significant that the policy of the President does not seem to have aroused any serious hostility in the provinces. The fact is that advanced Republicans never really represented their countrymen. They simply took advantage of the anti-Manchu feeling to impose their system on China when the old dynasty tottered to its fall. They led the people to believe that there was some magic in the word "Republic." But the masses soon became disgusted with the excesses of the adherents of the new regime, with their ruthless attack on ancient traditions and practices, and with the general unrest and lawlessness which followed the revolution. So that when the Republicans tried to organise another rising for "the punishment of Yuan," they found that they could get no support from the people, and that the merchant classes throughout the country ranged themselves on the side of the Government. Yuan Shih-kai no doubt foresaw that this reaction would come. He has bided his time, he has made the most of his resources, and now he is steadily extending his control over part of the country. A little while ago it was reported that a rebellion started in South-Western Province of Yunnan had been speedily crushed. More recently the President succeeded in securing the withdrawal from Nanking of Chang Hsun, the General who captured the city from the rebels last summer, but who was not so much a Government servant as an independent soldier of fortune. Yuan has installed one of his own officers at this important point on the Yangtze, and has placed his favourite general, with a force of Northern troops, in control of Wuchang. Thus his authority may be regarded as firmly established not only in the capital but also over the commanding strategic positions along the great waterway of Central China. What use will Yuan make of his power? asks the "Morning Post." By the advanced Republicans he is, of course, denominated as an arbitrary tyrant. But his record shows that he is no bigoted reactionary. Under the Manchus he was regarded as the most enlightened and progressive official of his time, and what is more, as Viceroy of Chihli, when he had a free hand to act for himself, he showed undoubted practical ability in carrying out reforms. The complaint has been made that so far his Government has not evolved a constructive policy. But no one can build until the foundations are secure, and for the last two years Yuan has been engaged in an incessant struggle against those who would have destroyed every vestige of the ancient fabric of Chinese society. Once order is firmly established he is not likely to show himself indifferent to the measures of reform and reconstruction which are urgently needed to maintain the Chinese State in being. His general ideas on the situation have been expressed in an address to the new Political Council. This Council is to exercise advisory functions until another Parliament is called together. Since it is composed only of men who are above a certain age, and who have had some years of experience in life, it may be expected to devote itself to co-operating with the Executive in a reasonable spirit. In his address the President insisted that what China required above all else at this time is a strong Central Government. He denounced the unthinking use of the catchwords of democracy. "Liberty" could not exist unless it were kept within the bounds of the law. "Popular right" did not mean that everyone should be allowed to interfere in the administration. Reforms, he said, must be introduced gradually, with due regard to the circumstances of the people and of the country. Summing up, the "Post" says: "Thus it seems probable that what the President means by setting up a system of benevolent personal rule, tempered by a cautious development on the representative principle of the West. The President will control the administration and shape the policy of the State, but the Advisory Council or the National Assembly, if it is ever re-established, will keep him in touch with the wishes and feelings of the people. Yuan knows his countrymen, and his scheme should fit in well with their ideas of government. In the past each province, circuit or district has been ruled by an official who, while nominally autocratic usually made a very considerable sacrifice and even incurred heavy losses in imposing strict economy and developing a new policy. The old administrative machinery may have to be modified, but the other good features of the old system should be retained, and the new system should be based on the same principles."

**CHANGES IN THE LOCAL JUDICIARY.**

We understand that the following changes in the local judiciary will be effected when the Hon. Sir Wm. Reid Davies, K.C., Chief Justice, goes on leave and the Hon. Mr. J. A. S. Bucknill, K.C., Attorney-General, leaves for Singapore:—Hon. H. H. J. Gomperts (Puisne Judge) to become Chief Justice; Mr. J. H. Kemp (Crown Solicitor) to be acting Attorney-General; Mr. F. A. Hazelton (First Registrar) to be acting Puisne Judge; Mr. P. M. Hudson (Assistant Crown Solicitor) to be acting Crown Solicitor.

### NEWS OF THE DAY.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

M. A. S. Masliah has been appointed Russian Consul-General in Tientsin.

Two chests of Persian opium have been seized down for use in the New Territory, where a cheaper class of opium is sold.

An article on Chinese Finance, by the Peking special correspondent of the London "Daily Telegraph," is reproduced on page 3 of this issue.

The Mails from the United States ex. P. M. S. S. Co. s.s. "China" have been transferred to the N. D. Li a. s. "Dowfinner," due here on March 2nd.

A carpenter, living at the Win Qu Shung boat building yard, has been accused of a silver watch and chain which was attached a sovereign piece, valued at \$16.

Whilst a passenger on the s.s. Kwong Ti from Nanking to Hongkong, a Chinese clerk living at the Staff Hotel, from a gold watch and chain valued at \$250 stolen from his cabin.

A harrowing account of the "Napoleon" disaster, which occurred in mid-Atlantic on 30th ult., (news of which was wired to us by Reuters at the time) appears on page 4 of this issue.

A married woman, living at 24 Bonham Lane, reports that yesterday a man, at present unidentified, stole two articles of clothing, valued at \$25 from the store at the rear of the house.

Mr. C. W. F. van Cuylenberg, former manager of Guang Kwo Estate, has been committed for trial at the High Court by the Ipoh Magistrate on charges of criminal breach of trust in respect of certain estate moneys.

The police, headed by Sergeant Adlington, raided to 163 Third Street last night and found another horde of gamblers. There was a great scramble when the police appeared, and several Chinese escaped round the veranda. Six were apprehended and brought before Mr. Hazelton this morning. The master was fined \$30 and the remainder of the prisoners \$3 each.

In connection with the Inquiry into the tragic death of Miss Amy Smith, Shanghai, drowned in her bath on the 12th inst., at No. 23 Kueping Road, Mr. W. B. Strickland, the Coroner returned a verdict that the deceased died from drowning while in a state of unconsciousness, induced by carbon monoxide poisoning. He also gave a warning regarding the ventilation of the bathroom.

The negotiations with regard to the business arrangement allowed of \$500 accumulating out of the profits, at the time of Kan Hop's death the cash credit of the firm was only \$42,600.

A concubine of the prisoner's late father stated that so far as she knew the brothers were on good terms; she had never heard them quarrelling though she lived opposite to them at Ping Chai.

Cross-examined: She actually saw the deceased's share of the business handed to him in money—\$250 less \$80 deduction.

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## THE CHINA MAIL.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BRITISH PARLIAMENT.  
DEBATE ON HOME RULE.

The Somaliland Disaster.

London, Feb. 25.

In the House of Commons, Mr. B. G. Fulle, Unionist M.P. for Portsmouth, moved that it was imperative in the interests of public peace that the Premier should submit proposals regarding the alteration of the Home Rule bill without delay.

Premier's Firm Attitude.

Mr. Asquith said that the Government had not changed its opinion in the slightest. The Bill, which was sound and statesmanlike, provided for the security of the minority. There was no indication that the electorate were averse to it, no reason to supplicate for a truce, and still less reason to hoist the white flag. The Government had not abandoned the proposals of the Bill or intended to yield to the menace of physical force.

The Bill, he concluded, the Prime Minister, "will be introduced for Second Reading after the end of the financial year, before Easter, and the Government would explain their proposals then. They were not going to be thrown into a course which would not promote, but embarrass, the prospects of basing Irish self-government upon a foundation of consent and goodwill."

Mr. Bonar Law said that Mr. Asquith was still drifting and trifling; but the Unionists would use every means to prevent the Government from committing a great crime.

Somaliland.

Sir Gilbert Parker, Conservative member for Gravesend, speaking on the Supplementary Estimates referred to Somaliland. He criticised the withdrawal from the interior and admitted that Capt. Corfield had exceeded his instructions. He denounced the despatch of Mr. Harcourt's "ungenerous, cold-blooded unbonny minute" to the Commissioner regarding Capt. Corfield before the whole of the facts were known.

Mr. Harcourt warmly defended the despatch, stating that it was impossible to withhold censure in justice to the other gallant and efficient men. He denied that Capt. Corfield had any discretionary powers whatever, and explained that the Camel Corps were to maintain order among the "Friendlies" but not to protect them. As regards the present position, a small Dervish outpost off the "Friendlies" from the Aïn Valley, which was essential for grazing in the dry season. The "Friendlies" required moral and material support to prevent them from making overtures to the Mullah. Occupation of the interior was undesirable and an expedition would be a costly folly. It was intended simply to occupy Burao as a basis for the Camel Corps, which would enable the "Friendlies" to graze on the Aïn Valley; also Shieks, which might serve as a sanatorium and be the Somaliland Aden. The Estimates would also provide for further increase of the Camel Corps to 450 or 500. The Indian contingent would be increased from 200 to 400 Regulars. The latter was about 400 now but that included the Emergency Draft from Aden. A hundred would be stationed at Sheiks and 150 at Burao. Apart from the home initial cost, the recurrent cost of these permanent forces would be £50,000 when all was done and all the men on the spot. He thought it desirable and necessary that there should be no change of policy.

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THE DEPORTED SOUTH  
AFRICAN STRIKE  
LEADERS.

ARRIVAL AT GRAVESEND.

London, Feb. 25.

The Castle liner "Ungeni" arrived at 7.30 yesterday morning of Gravesham. A deputation of trade unionists headed by Mr. A. Henderson, M.P., approached the vessel, but was not allowed on board.

Mr. Bain, on behalf of his colleagues, stated that they had decided to remain on board until taken back to South Africa.

Mr. Henderson welcomed the deportees and informed them that a great programme of receptions was awaiting them. The deportees issued a long statement, appealing to the people of Great Britain "that every Briton in South Africa should have the right of trial in the courts of law so as to frustrate the evident intention of the Government of South Africa to make South Africa a Boer Colony."

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## The Indemnity Bill.

A telegram from Cape Town states that the second reading of the Indemnity Bill was passed by 95 to 11 votes, after an all night debate.

PEERS AND THE BESTOWAL  
OF HONOURS.

London, Feb. 24.

In the House of Lords, Lord Selborne moved: "That contribution to Party funds should not be a consideration to a Minister when he recommends a name for honour to His Majesty the King, and that effectual measures should be taken in this regard." He emphasised that he did not refer to Service honours, though he feared that if the present tendencies were not checked the day would come when someone would buy the Victoria Cross. He dwelt on "the purchase of honour" by rich men with social ambition, and said that deserving people were also pressed to make a contribution when honoured. He blamed the Party system, saying that Party funds was one of the greatest evils and dangers of democracy."

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## AN ENGLISH STRIKE SETTLED.

London, Feb. 24.

The strike at High Wycombe, which has lasted for three months, has now been settled by substantial concessions to the men.

## SERVIA'S LOSSES IN WAR.

London, Feb. 24.

Reuter's Belgrade correspondent telegraphs that the Minister of War, in the Serbians, intimated that the Serbian losses in the Turkish war were 5,000 dead and 18,000 wounded. In the Servo-Bulgarian war, 8,000 dead and 30,000 wounded. Altogether 16,000 died from wounds and sickness.

## MR. CHURCHILL AS AERONAUT.

London, Feb. 24.

Mr. Churchill, son of the Admiralty, piloted an aeroplane over the Solent and made a short flight, which was witnessed by two members of the Admiralty.

GERMAN SHIPPING COMPANIES  
AGREEMENT.

London, Feb. 24.

The Reuter's "Ageblatt" says the agreement between the Norddeutsche Lloyd and the Hamburg-American Lines covers a period of 75 years. It is understood that the agreement provided for an equal share of passenger and freight business in the Atlantic and regulated the amount of new tonnage that each

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London, Feb. 25.

A telegram from Brussels states that the Amateur International Association football match resulted—England 9 goals; Belgium 1.

## THE MEXICAN CRISIS.

Mr. Benton's Execution.

London, Feb. 24.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice has instructed Mr. Farceval, the British Consul at Galveston, to proceed to El Paso to inquire into the execution of Mr. Benton.

There are stormy comments by the French Press over the execution. President Wilson's policy is vigorously denounced, and the paper calls attention to the great French interests in Mexico and intimate that if the United States are unable to assure the safety of Europeans, the time has come when the Powers must undertake their own protection.

## ANOTHER ATROCITY.

London, Feb. 24.

The Mexican rebels blew up a troop train at Lima station, and all aboard, including fifty-five soldiers and an English engineer, were killed.

## Benton's Body.

A telegram from El Paso states that the request to the State Department for the production of Benton's body has met with a negative response.

## S. Policy.

M. ... said that the Government had been in frequent communication with the United States and Mexico respecting the protection of British lives and property in Mexico. The continued fighting had greatly prejudiced British commercial interests. "The pacification of Mexico," he added, "is the object which we honestly desire to see accomplished, but it is impossible to effect it by British intervention. Any such attempt will be futile and impolitic."

## FURTHER DETAILS.

A telegram from Washington states that the protection of Foreigners in Mexico has become the predominant problem.

At a conference between President Wilson and members of the Foreign Relations Committee yesterday, it was agreed that if the Mexican situation were discussed in the Senate it would be within "closed doors" and semi-officially reported.

Japan and France will land marines for Mexico City.

In an interview at Chihuahua, General Villas denied the execution of foreigners except Benton.

A telegram from Mexico City states that President Huerta has issued a decree announcing a tax of three pesos on every hundred weight of unlinked coffee and 5½ pesos per hundred weight of cleaned coffee.

## THE IRISH COAST WRECK.

London, Feb. 24.

The members of the crew of the wrecked Norwegian schooner "Mexico," who were thrown up on an uninhabited islet, have been rescued, together with five of the Fethard lifeboat men.

## BUENOS AIRES LOAN.

London, Feb. 24.

A City of Buenos Ayres loan of £2,460,300, bearing interest at 5 per cent, has been issued at a price of 95½.

## AN ESPIONAGE CHARGE.

London, Feb. 24.

Frederick Gould and his wife were charged at Bow Street with espionage. The evidence showed that the woman was arrested at Charing Cross road for Ostend, with Naval documents.

## OBITUARY.

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The death is recorded of M. Joseph Fels, the well-known manufacturer and land reformer.

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BRITISH NAVY'S TEST  
MOBILISATION.

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At question time in the House of Commons, Mr. Churchill announced that it had been decided to substitute this year to test the mobilisation of the Third Fleet Squadron instead of holding grand manoeuvres.

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Another telegram states that the captain of the "W. Wildenfels" in wireless messages, states that the Danish steamer "Eklipik" sank in the Bay of Biscay.

One passenger and ten of the crew were saved. The captain is dead. It appears that the captain of the Wildenfels has simply saved the Eklipik's crew.

EXTRAORDINARY DYNAMITE  
EXPLOSION.

Vicar and Secretary Killed.

SUDA PEAK, Feb. 24.

A dynamite explosion occurred at the office of the Greek Catholic Bishop at Dubrovac and killed five people, including the Vicar and a secretary, while the Bishop had a narrow escape. The Vicar's daughter is demented.

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Another telegram states that a letter, signed in a lady's name, said that the parcel was en route with candlesticks, a leopard's skin and a hundred crowns. The Vicar opened the parcel and was instantly killed, along with two others—not five—and seven were injured.

Investigations show that the idea of any Protestant hostility is without foundation.

PORTUGUESE POLITICAL  
PRISONERS.

LONDON, Feb. 24.

All the political prisoners have been released, and those singled out for punishment have departed.

THE MELBOURNE BUTCHERS'  
STRIKE.

LONDON, Feb. 24.

A telegram from Melbourne states that Socialist demonstrations have taken place at Brunswick. The police, who repeatedly charged the crowd, were suddenly bombarded with bottles, plates, kitchen utensils, and hot and cold water from the upper storeys of the houses.

## TROPICAL DISEASES.

London, Feb. 24.

A Scientific Expedition to the Far East.

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Mr. Leiper, the helminthologist of the London School of Tropical Medicine, has left London for the Far East, accompanied by Surgeon-Armyman (seconded by the Admiralty), and also Mr. Cherry-Garrard, both of whom were members of the late Captain Scott's Antarctic expedition.

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